# VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE **April 11, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was

convened at 9:15 A.M., in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions,

9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Florence Jones-Clarke, R.N., M.S., Chairperson

Peregrin C. Francisco, R.N., M.S.A.

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES** 

SCHEDULED: Robin Reynolds, R.N. 0001-166742

Ms. Reynolds appeared, accompanied by Margaret Hardy, Attorney.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of

> Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia at 10:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Reynolds. Additionally, Ms. Francisco moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in

its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:40 A.M.

> Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the

motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Francisco moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Robin Reynolds and further order Ms. Reynolds to complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing courses "Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention" and "Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses" within forty-five

days of entry of the order.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Reynolds unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Reynolds within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days

shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

### Chicquita Elliott, L.P.N. 0002-066558

Ms. Elliott appeared, accompanied by Amerius Elliott, husband.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Elliott. Additionally, Ms. Francisco moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** 

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:38 P.M.

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Ms. Francisco moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Chicquita Elliott and further Ms. Elliott to complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing course "'Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care".

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Elliott unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Elliott within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

### Elaine Adkins, R.N., 0001-117773

Ms. Adkins appeared, accompanied by George Adkins; Martha Ann Spruill, Health Practitioners Intervention Program Case Manager.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Adkins. Additionally, Ms. Francisco moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### **RECONVENTION:**

The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:40 P.M.

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Ms. Francisco moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

## Caprice Walker, R.N. 0001-202326

Ms. Walker appeared.

#### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:40.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Walker. Additionally, Ms. Francisco moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### **RECONVENTION:**

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:50 P.M.

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

<u>ACTION</u>: Ms. Francisco moved to issue an order of reprimand to Caprice Walker and further order Ms. Walker to complete National Council of State Boards of Nursing courses "Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care" and "Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses" within forty-five days of entry of the order.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Walker unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Walker within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Nicole Dike, L.P.N. 0002-069811

Ms. Dike did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 5:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dike. Additionally, Ms. Francisco moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** 

The Committee reconvened in open session at 5:10 P.M.

Ms. Francisco moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Ms. Francisco moved to offer Nicole Dike a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license for not less than two years or until such time as Ms. Dike can appear before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to practice.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Dike and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.

Deputy Executive Director, Discipline